EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

ORDER GRANTING TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR AN ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF ALLOWED CLAIMS

Upon the motion dated October 21, 2010 (the "Motion") of Irving H. Picard (the "Trustee"), as trustee for the liquidation of the business of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, *et seq.* ("SIPA"), and the substantively consolidated estate of Bernard L. Madoff, seeking entry of an order establishing procedures for the assignment of allowed claims [Dkt. No. 3057], and due and proper notice having been given under the circumstances of this case, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having conducted a hearing on the Motion at which all parties in interest had an opportunity to present their respective positions; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the estate and other parties in interest, and that the legal and factual bases set forth in

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the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and any objections to the Motion having been overruled or withdrawn; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Motion is granted.
- 2. The Claims Trading Procedures, as defined in the Motion, and as modified as set forth below, are approved effective October 21, 2010 ("Effective Data").
- 3. <u>Claim Transfer</u>. The transferor and transferee shall complete, sign and date the "Transfer of Allowed Claim" and "Assignment" (collectively referred to hereinafter as the, "Transfer Form"), a copy of which is attached as <u>Schedule 1</u> to this Order. The completed, signed and dated Transfer Form shall constitute evidence of the Claim Transfer.
- 4. The transferee or the transferee's agent shall deliver evidence of the Claim Transfer to the Trustee's Claims Processing Center, c/o AlixPartners LLP ("AlixPartners"), 2101 Cedar Springs Road, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75201, attention: John S. Franks.
- 5. AlixPartners shall have the right to request and obtain additional information from the transferee or transferee's agent to the extent that AlixPartners determines that the evidence of the Claim Transfer that has been furnished is ambiguous or deficient. If AlixPartners wants additional information, it must notify the transferee or transferee's agent, in writing, with a copy to the transferor, of the specific information requested and give the transferee ten (10) business days to furnish the information. If AlixPartners does not timely receive complete and satisfactory information, as requested, from the purported transferee, the transfer shall be deemed invalid and unenforceable. In such circumstances, without further notice or a hearing, the

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transferor would be deemed to be the holder of the claim for all purposes, including receiving any distribution on such claim.

- 6. Notice of Transfer of Allowed Claim. If AlixPartners receives satisfactory evidence of the Claim Transfer from the transferee or transferee's agent, within five (5) business days thereafter, AlixPartners shall send the transferor, with a copy to the transferee or transferee's agent, a notice of transfer substantially conforming to the form attached as Schedule 2 to this Order ("Notice of Transfer"), together with a copy of the Claim Transfer received from the transferee. AlixPartners also shall promptly file with the Clerk of the Court a certificate of service that redacts any information identifying the transferor and the transferor's claim. AlixPartners shall retain an unredacted copy of the certificate of service with the Trustee's records maintained by AlixPartners.
- 7. The Notice of Transfer shall notify the transferor that the transferor has twenty-one (21) days from the date of the Notice of Transfer to object to the transfer by preparing a written objection to the transfer and explaining the reasons for the objection ("Objection").
- 8. If no Objection is timely filed and served, after expiration of the 21-day notice period, the transferee shall be substituted for the transferor with respect to the transferred claim and shall receive all distributions made on account of the claim from any source.
- 9. If the transferor or transferee contends that an error in the notice procedures has been made by AlixPartners, the party contending that an error has been made must notify AlixPartners, in writing, with a copy to the transferor or transferee, as applicable, and describe the alleged error. If AlixPartners agrees that an error in the notice procedures has been made, AlixPartners must rectify the error by providing the Notice of Transfer in accordance with these

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procedures. The claim transfer will not be complete and final until the requisite Notice of

Transfer has been given.

10. Objection to Claim Transfer. If the transferor objects to the Claim Transfer

("Contested Transfer"), the transferor shall file the Objection with the Clerk of the Court and

serve a copy of the Objection upon (a) AlixPartners to the attention of John S. Franks at the

address indicated in paragraph 4 of this Order, and (b) the transferee at the address indicated in

the Transfer Form. The transferor also shall file with the Clerk of the Court and serve upon the

aforementioned persons in this paragraph 10 a certificate of service of the Objection.

11. Notice of Hearing. If an Objection is timely filed and served, the transferee of the

Contested Transfer or the transferee's agent shall contact the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and

request that the Court fix a hearing date that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of

service of the Objection upon the transferee ("Hearing Date"). Upon obtaining the Hearing Date

from the Court, the transferee or the transferee's agent shall file a Notice of Hearing, which

Notice shall (a) specify the Hearing Date, and (b) identify the Contested Transfer by (i) claim

number and amount; (ii) date of the purported transfer; (iii) transferor and transferee, and (iv)

docket entry number of each Objection that will come before the Court during the hearing, and

(c) serve a copy of the Notice of Hearing upon the following;

Trustee's claims agent:

Irving H. Picard, Trustee

Claims Processing Center

c/o AlixPartners

2101 Cedar Springs Road

Suite 1100

Dallas, Texas 75201

Attention: John S. Franks

Transferor of the transferred claim at the address indicated in the Claim

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Transfer; and (d) file with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and serve upon the aforementioned persons a certificate of service of the Notice of Hearing.

- 12. The Notice of Hearing shall be in lieu of a motion to bring the Contested Transfer before the Court.
- 13. The transfer of a claim will not be valid and enforceable until the Contested Transfer is resolved by Court order, unless the Objection is withdrawn or settled with Court approval.
- 14. <u>Interim Distributions to Incomplete and Contested Transfers</u>. The Trustee is authorized to refuse to honor any Contested Transfer or any claim transfer that is incomplete ("Incomplete Transfer") at the time an order has been entered upon a motion by the Trustee for approval of an allocation of customer property and an interim distribution to Allowed Claims, including the Allowed Claims of transferees that have been transferred in accordance with the Claims Trading Procedures ("Interim Distribution Order"). Any transfer occurring after that date, or any Contested or Incomplete Transfer as of that date, will be considered at the time of the Trustee's next interim distribution. No interim distribution shall be made to claimants of unresolved Incomplete Transfers or Contested Transfers.
- Transfers that are pending in the motion seeking entry of an Interim Distribution Order, provided that no interim distribution shall be made to claimants of Incomplete or Contested Transfers unless, at the time that the Trustee mails the interim distribution payments to Allowed Claims, the Incomplete and Contested Transfers have been resolved, as set forth in the Motion; or (b) file a separate motion with respect to interim distributions to Incomplete or Contested Transfers.

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- 16. No Partial Transfers of Claims Permitted. A transferor must transfer the entire allowed amount of the claim with no reduction for any prior payment made by the Trustee from a SIPC advance. Any transfer that purports to transfer only part of an allowed claim, whether expressed by percentage or dollar amount, including a purported transfer of an Allowed Claim that, in contravention of the procedures, deducts the amount of a prior payment made by the Trustee to the claimant, shall be invalid and unenforceable. In such circumstances, the transferor shall be deemed to be the holder of the claim for all purposes, including with respect to receiving distributions on such claim from any source.
- 17. Any transfer of an Allowed Claim that was completed before the Effective Date and purports to have transferred less than the full amount of such Claim is invalid. As to any such transferred claim, the transferor and transferee must comply with the Claims Trading Procedures.
- 18. Any payment made by the Trustee on account of an Allowed Claim, including with funds advanced by SIPC, shall be paid to the owner of such Allowed Claim as of the date that payment is made.
- 19. The Claims Trading Procedures apply to any transfer of an Allowed Claim from and after the Effective Date.
 - 20. The Claims Trading Procedures also apply in the following circumstances:
- a) If, prior to the Effective Date, the transferor and transferee entered into a written agreement to transfer a claim, but the transferee had not submitted to the Clerk of the Court as of the Effective Date evidence of the transfer of the claim, the transferee must submit evidence of the transfer of the claim to AlixPartners. The evidence of the transfer need not strictly conform to the Transfer Form but should include in substance the information called for

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in the Transfer Form. AlixPartners shall have the right to request and obtain additional information from the transferee to the extent that it determines that the evidence of the transfer of the claim that has been furnished is ambiguous or deficient, as compared with the Transfer Form, or to confirm that the amount transferred has not been reduced by the amount of any prior payment by the Trustee to the claimant. If AlixPartners wants additional information, it must notify the transferee, in writing, with a copy to the transferor, of the specific information requested and give the transferee ten (10) business days to furnish the information. If AlixPartners timely receives all requisite information, it shall issue the Notice of Transfer to the transferor, and the Claims Trading Procedures shall be followed in all respects from that point forward. If AlixPartners does not timely receive complete and satisfactory information, as requested, from the purported transferee, the transfer shall be deemed invalid and unenforceable. In such circumstances, without further notice or a hearing, the transferor would be deemed to be the holder of the claim for all purposes, including receiving any distribution on such claim.

b) If, prior to the Effective Date, the transferee of a transferred claim has filed with the Clerk of the Court evidence of the transfer of the claim, but the Clerk has not given notice to the transferor of the opportunity to object, the transferee must notify AlixPartners of the Bankruptcy Court's docket entry for the evidence of transfer that the transferee filed. The evidence of the transfer need not strictly conform to the Transfer Form but must include in substance the information called for in the Transfer Form. AlixPartners shall have the right to request and obtain additional information from the transferee to the extent that it determines that the evidence of the transfer of the claim that has been furnished is ambiguous or deficient, as compared with the Transfer Form, or to confirm that the amount transferred has not been reduced by the amount of any prior payment made by the Trustee. If AlixPartners wants additional

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information, it must notify the transferee, in writing, with a copy to the transferor, of the specific information requested and give the transferee ten (10) business days to furnish the information. If AlixPartners timely receives all requisite information, it shall issue the Notice of Transfer to the transferor, and the Claims Trading Procedures shall be followed in all respects from that point forward. If AlixPartners does not timely receive complete and satisfactory information, as requested, from the purported transferee, the transfer shall be deemed invalid and unenforceable. In such circumstances, without further notice or a hearing, the transferor would be deemed to be the holder of the claim for all purposes, including receiving any distribution on such claim.

- 21. The Claims Trading Procedures do not apply if prior to the Effective Date, the following notice and hearing procedures have been completed: (a) the transferee had filed with the Court evidence of the transfer of the claim that substantially conforms to the Transfer Form, (b) the Clerk of the Court or the transferee had given at least 21 days' advance written notice to the transferor of the opportunity to object, (c) the transferee had provided the Trustee with a certificate of service with respect to such notice, (d) the amount of the transferred claim had not been reduced by the amount of a prior payment made by the Trustee to the claimant; and (e) the 21-day notice period had elapsed with no objection having been filed. In such circumstances, the transferee effectively has been substituted for the transferor with respect to the transferred claim.
- 22. The Claims Trading Procedures apply to any purportedly transferred claim that had been improperly reduced by the amount of any prior payment made by the Trustee on account of such Allowed Claim from a SIPC advance.
- 23. Any payment made by the Trustee on account of an Allowed Claim, including with funds advanced by SIPC, shall be paid to the owner of such Allowed Claim as of the date that payment is made.

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24. Any transferee of a claim that the Trustee has denied or has not yet determined

who wishes to have the transfer reflected in the official records maintained by the Trustee's

claims agent for notice purposes must provide written notice of the transfer to AlixPartners at

2101 Cedar Springs Road, Suite 1100, Dallas, Texas 75201, substantially in compliance with

Schedules 1 and 2 of this Order. Notifying AlixPartners of the transfer of a claim that the

Trustee has denied or has not yet determined will not (a) reverse the Trustee's prior

determination of such claim, (b) have any impact whatsoever on the Trustee's later determination

of the claim, or (c) give the transferor or transferee any additional rights with respect to such

claim.

25. Neither the transferor nor the transferee of a transferred claim may waive

compliance with the Claims Trading Procedures approved by this Order.

Dated: New York, N.Y.

_____, 2010

HONORABLE BURTON R. LIFLAND UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE 08-01789-cgm Doc 3129-1 Filed 11/08/10 Entered 11/08/10 18:41:25 Exhibit A Proposed Order Pg 11 of 16

SCHEDULE 1

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	-			
In re:	SIPA LIQUIDATION			
BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENTS SECURITIES, LLC,	Case No. 08-01789			
Debtor.	(Substantively Consolidated)			
In re:				
BERNARD L. MADOFF,				
Debtor.				
TRANSFER OF ALLOWED CLAIM				
A CLAIM HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IN THIS CASE, DESIGNATED AS CLAIM NO.				
Transferee hereby gives evider	ace pursuant to certain Claims Trading Procedures			
approved by Order of the above-captioned Court dated, 2010 [Dkt. No], of the				
transfer of the allowed claim referenced in this evidence.				
Name of Transferee	Name of Transferor			
Name and Address where notices to transferee should be sent:	Name and Address where notices to transferor should be sent:			
Name and Address where payments to transferee should be sent (if different from above):				
Phone:				
Allowed Claim Amount:				

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I declare under penalty of perju	ury that the information provided her	rein is true and correct to the
best of my knowledge and belief.		
By:Transferee's Agent	Date:	, 20
Penalty for making a false statement: fit 18 U.S.C. §§152 & 3571.	ine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonmen	t for up to 5 years, or both.

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Assignment

("Assignor"), for good and va	aluable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which
are hereby acknowledged, does hereby transfer and assig	gn unto, its successors and
assigns ("Assignee"), all rights, title, interests in ar	nd to Assignor's Allowed Claim in the amount of
US\$, as stated in the determination let	tter dated from Irving H. Picard, the
trustee ("Trustee") for the liquidation of the business of I	Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, under the
Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, et a	seq., substantively consolidated with the estate of Bernard
L. Madoff in Case No. 08-01789, identified by Claim No.	oin proceedings pending before the United
States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of N	New York, together with any affirmative claims of the
Assignor against third parties.	
Assignor hereby certifies by this Assignment that:	
i) Assignee will be recognized as the va	alid owner of the Allowed Claim and will receive all
distributions on account of such Claim; and	
ii) The Allowed Claim Amount constitutes	the entire amount of the Claim and has not been reduced
by any prior payment from the Trustee on account of the A	.llowed Claim; and
iii) No part of the Allowed Claim has been	n assigned previously, except for any assignment to the
Trustee in return for a distribution.	
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, dated the of	, 20
Ву:	By:
(Signature of Authorized Party)	(Signature of Authorized Party)
(Company Name)	(Company Name)
(Print name of Authorized Party)	(Print name of Authorized Party)
Ву:	By:
(Telephone Number)	(Telephone Number)

SCHEDULE 2

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT			
In re:	HERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	SIPA LIQUIDATION	
III IC.		SILA LIQUIDATION	
	ARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENTS RITIES, LLC.	Case No. 08-01789	
NOTICE OF TRANSFER OF ALLOWED CLAIM			
TO:	[Transferor Name] [Street Address] [City, State and Zip Code]		
[name], as Transferee, has asked the Court to transfer your allowed claim in the amount of \$ against Bernard L. Madoff Investments Securities, LLC ("Claim") to Transferee. PLEASE NOTE that your Claim represents the entire amount of your Claim and has not been reduced by the amount of any prior payment by the Trustee on account of your Claim.			
If you d	o not object to the transfer of your Claim, you do	not need to take any action.	
If you do not want your Claim to be transferred, WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE MAILING OF THIS NOTICE, YOU MUST DO THE FOLLOWING:			
1.	Prepare a written objection to the transfer explaining your reasons for objecting to the transfer of your Claim to the Transferee. Your written objection must include the caption of this case and No. 08-01789. Please also refer to Claim No in your objection.		
2.	2. File your written objection with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by mail at the following address:		
Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York Alexander Hamilton Custom House One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004-1408			
3.		at	
4.	you sent a copy of your objection to the Transfer	ion of the case and Case No. 08-01789, and certifying that ree of your Claim and to the Trustee's Claims Processing e that written certification with the Clerk of the United	
If you file an objection, the purported Transferee of the Allowed Claim must request a hearing before the United States Bankruptcy Court at the address above to resolve the objection before any distribution is made on the Claims.			

<u>IF YOUR OBJECTION IS NOT TIMELY FILED</u>, THE TRANSFEREE WILL BE SUBSTITUTED IN COURT RECORDS AS THE CLAIMANT AND WILL RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTION TO WHICH YOUR CLAIM IS ENTITLED.